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School Trustees Recommend Removal
of Superintendent Cook,

THE RESULT OF AN INVESTIGATION

Routine Business Transacted by the
Board Yesterday Afternoon.

TEACHERS PROMOTED

It transpired at the regular meeting of the board of public school trustees, at the Franklin building last evening, that at a previous secret meeting of the board action

had been taken looking to a change in the office of superintendent of schools of the

The matter came up only incidentally at the 1957 yearbook, in acting upon the minutes of the previous year, as noted by a statement by Chairman Whelpley that he had officially notified the District Commissioners of what had been done by the board.

The minutes of the secret meeting (February 20) showed that the board with a full attendance of members resolved itself into a committee to consider the report. "Further consideration of the report of Superintendent Cook, and to give hearing to such persons as have been requested to appear before the board." The superintendent and the supervising principals of the colored schools were among the persons invited to appear before the board. They attended and gave testimony in regard to

the conduct of the schools, but Superintendent Cook failed to appear.

Resolution Adopted.

As a result of that hearing the board adopted a resolution declaring that "Whereas in the investigation of the superintendent of the schools of the ninth, tenth and eleventh divisions this board finds much inefficiency and neglect by the incumbent of the duties of the office, and that the existing educational features of that office," it is therefore resolved "that the board of trustees recommends to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia that the office be removed from the office of superintendent of schools of the ninth, tenth and eleventh divisions, and that the person to be appointed should bring to the position the qualifications required for an educational standpoint."

These proceedings were ratified at last night's meeting of the board of the District Commissioners will act upon the matter in a few days. Although it was not so stated, it is understood the colored trustees of the board have no objection to the superintendency of the colored schools, with the understanding that the office shall

case one possessing all the qualifications can be found willing to accept it. In view

of color would bring to accept it. It could be said that the members of the Senate committee investigating the school system of the District, that the colored schools must be supervised by a colored superintendent, it is said the colored trustees fear that a movement will be made in that direction now that the office is about to be vacated by the present incumbent. The members of the District are very jealous of the control of the colored schools, now entirely under the supervision of a colored man, and they all dread the appointment of a white superintendent.

Routine Business Transacted.

The remainder of the session of the board at yesterday's meeting was devoted to the consideration of routine business. All the members were present, as was also Superintendent Johnson.

A communication was read from Mr. John Lawson of the executive committee of the Afro-American Council requesting that the children in the colored schools be permitted to take part in the collection toward the fund being raised to test before

the United States Supreme Court the constitutionality of the Louisiana constitution

of 1898 abridging the political rights of negro citizens.

Mr. Wilson said that while he was in hearty sympathy with the movement referred to, he agreed with the other members of the board that the proposition to collect money in the public schools regardless of the merits of the case was in violation of the standing rules of the schools.

Mr. Wilson was then instructed to notify Mr. Lawson that the desired permission cannot be granted.

At the next meeting of the board of the Young Men's Christian Association, for permission to hang placards in the public schools advertising a lecture on "Liquid Alcohol," the following resolutions of similar character were read. On motion of Mr. Wilson the permission was denied in each case.

Resolved, That the use of the schools for advertising are prohibited in the public schools.

Colored Cooking School.

Mrs. Francis, to whom was referred the so-called "round robin" against the cooking school, reported that after a careful investigation she had as-

certained that the burden of grievance

against the school was its long distance from the homes of many of the pupils. It was known that some of the pupils had asked that their children be excused from further attendance at the school. The board of trustees decided to grant the desired privilege.

Remarks were made by Mr. Richardson and Mr. Wilson, and the latter suggested that the school be moved to a more convenient locality for the colored cooking school be left to the further consideration of Mrs. Pratt.

On his own application Mr. R. R. Riordan, principal of the Greenleaf school, was authorized to conduct vacation schools in that building, and to observe the same rules as the same rules as he conducted similar schools at the McCormick building last summer.

Designated Principal.

On motion of Mr. Harries Mr. A. I. Gardner was designated principal of the Central High School, in order to make his title conform to his duties.

The resignations of Miss Anna M. Leonard

ard, teacher of the sixth grade in the third division, and of J. W. Freeman, janitor of

the Bancker building, were accepted. Hayward Jennings was appointed janitor in place of Freeman.

Leaves of absence were granted Sadie E. Simons, H. H. Gibbs and Miss Ambrose, teachers.

The following promotions of teachers were made in the third division: Leonard Merritt, from the first to the second grade; Lillian C. Burroughs, from the fourth to fifth grade; A. T. Lyon, from the third to the fourth grade; M. T. Brady, from the second to the third grade.

Miss Margaret Adams, normal graduate, was appointed teacher of the second grade in the third division and Miss M. A. McMane was appointed a temporary teacher in the first division.

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BATTLE PARKS.

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Favorable Reports Ordered by House Military Committee.

The House military committee has ordered favorable reports on the bill to establish a national military park on the site of the battle of Fredericksburg. Salem

Church, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness

and Spotsylvania Court House, in Virginia; also a bill to establish a national military park at the battlefield of Stone River, in Tennessee. The Fredericksburg bill refers to many historic points, which are to be within the park including the spot where Stonewall Jackson was fatally wounded and Gen. Barry was killed; the battlefield contested by Grant and Lee in May, 1862; the "bloody angle," etc. Both bills provide for commissions to execute the plans of the parks.

Private Dickee Dead.
Gen. Davis at San Juan de Porto Rico.

Gen. Davis, at San Juan de Porto Rico, has informed the War Department of the death at Cayce on the 12th instant of Private Vaughn B. Dickee, Troop M, 6th Cavalry, from peritonitis following a stab wound inflicted by a Porto Rican on March 10.